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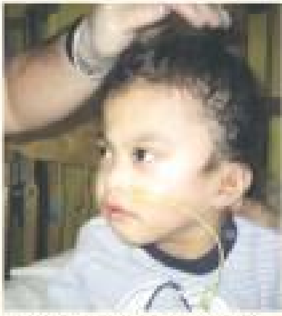


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SC orders censors body to explain gag on preacher

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE SUPREME Court has ordered the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board to explain why it suspended evangelist Eliseo "Brother Eli" Soriano's television program, Ang Dating Daan.

Soriano contested the three-month suspension before the high court, complaining that the MTRCB violated his constitutional right to free religion, speech and expression.

He filed a 102-page petition last Oct. 29 asking the high court for a temporary restraining order.

The court gave the MTRCB 10 days to comment.

"The Court resolved, without giving due course to the petition, to require the respondents (MTRCB and Iglesia ni Cristo members) to comment thereon within 10 days from notice hereof," according to a Nov. 16 en banc resolution.

MTRCB chair Consoliza Laguardia slapped the suspension against Soriano on Sept. 27. The order became final on Oct. 19.

The censors body said Soriano used crass words in his show as he went about his usual tirade against the Iglesia ni Cristo.

Soriano told the high court he was provoked into making such statements.

"The statements were merely in response to the distasteful conduct of the ministers of the Iglesia ni Cristo hosting a television program entitled, Ang Tamang Daan," he said.

Soriano's group Ang Dating Daan and the Iglesia ni Cristo have long been engaged in a television word war.

In taking Soriano off the air, the MTRCB cited Section 3 of Presidential Decree 1986, granting the MTRCB the power to screen, review and examine all movie and TV programs and to delete materials that is deemed morally offensive.

But Soriano countered that Section 3c of PD 1986 "is unconstitutional in so far as it sanctions the censorship of religious TV programs as a form of subsequent punishment."

In his petition, Soriano named as respondents MTRCB officials [illegible], Jackie Aquino-Gavino, Noel del Prado, Emmanuel Borlaza and Iglesia ni Cristo members Michael Sandoval, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Jose Lopez, Manuel Hernandez, Rodel de la Cruz and [illegible] Galapon.

METRO

Moonlighting dentist slain

Victim shot dead while driving FX cab in Quezon City

By Tina G. Santos

A DENTIST who moonlighted as an FX taxi driver was shot dead by one of three men in Fairview, Quezon City, yesterday afternoon.

Police identified the victim as 47-year-old Manlio Austria of Violeta Street, Villa Verde Homes, Novaliches. He died instantly after sustaining two bullet wounds in the head.

Initial investigation by the Central Police District Fairview station showed that Austria was driving his FX along Mindanao Avenue toward Regalado Avenue when the incident happened at about 1 p.m.

Two witnesses told the police that one of three suspects seated in the passenger seat shot the victim with a handgun.

"Bral, bayad (Here's the fare)," one of the witnesses quoted one of the suspects.

After handing over the money, the suspect reportedly pulled out a gun and shot Austria.

The three suspects then jumped out of the van and boarded a passing Fairview-bound passenger bus, police said.

Police expressed the belief that robbery was not the motive in the shooting, noting that the suspects apparently did not take any of the victim's valuables.

Investigators gathered that the suspects took Austria's van at the Bayan Terminal in Villa Verde Homes.

Police said a folder containing files for a case of malversation of government property was left inside the van. They are looking into the possible connection of the files with the murder.

Councilor seeks ₱1 hike in price of movie tickets

By Tessa V. Quismundo

A PESO from theater goers to help the homeless.

A Manila councilor would like to turn Manila's theaters into an additional source of funding for the city's housing program, as he proposed an ordinance that would oblige every moviegoer to give P1 to City Hall.

"The city would not spend anything, theater owners and movie producers would not be affected, just the moviegoers. But it's for the sake of the poor," said Councilor Benjamin Asilo from the city's first district in Tondo.

Additional peso

Under his proposal, moviegoers in Manila would automatically pay the additional peso every time they buy a ticket.

The movie tax would then go to a "sinking fund" which would be used exclusively to buy land under the city's "Land for the Landless and Home for the Homeless Program."

"I don't think it would be much of a burden for the public. In return, they would be able to help us solve the city's problems in giving land to those in need," Asilo said in an interview yesterday, speaking in Filipino.

Once approved, tickets in the city's around 120 theaters would be covered by the ordinance, and an additional P1 would be added to ticket prices, ranging from P65 to P100.

Remittance or fines

Theater owners would be required to remit their movie tax collection twice a month to City Hall, or else be imprisoned or pay fines.

Asilo said that the City Council already awarded land to long-time informal dwellers on private lots, but each has remained only on paper as the city could not pay for the expropriated property.

The city government, he said, allots P50 million annually for the program, an amount that was not enough for its full implementation.

With his draft ordinance, Asilo hopes to collect another P50 million every year from the movie going public as a special fund that would be placed under the care of the City Treasurer's Office.

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Court Oks better quarters for detained general

Palace on GMA rating: Can't blame the public

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.



RP competitive ranking drops

By Michelle V. Remo

Erap still here, says Sandigan sheriff

By Armand N. Nocum

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President, CAT Planters Association

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The WORLD

Editor Lorenzo B. Ileto

Britain thwarts 9/11-style terror attacks in London

LONDON—Britain's security services thwarted planned Sept. 11-style terror attacks on Heathrow Airport and skyscrapers in Canary Wharf, a financial district of London, a television station and a newspaper reported.

But the reports, which quoted unidentified sources, did not say when or where the plots were uncovered, or how close they came to being carried out.

The plots to crash planes into the two high-profile targets were among four or five attacks planned by terrorists linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network that security chiefs believe they prevented, ITV News said Monday night and the Daily Mail newspaper reported in its Tuesday editions.

ITV News also said that British authorities had disrupted training programs for suicide pilots.

Officials at Britain's Home Office and Metropolitan Police in London refused to comment. A spokesperson at Prime Minister Tony Blair's Downing Street office said: "We never comment on security matters."

The Home Office and Britain's MI5 domestic security service are responsible for protecting the country against terrorist attacks.

Heathrow is one of the world's busiest airports. Canary Wharf, on the River Thames in east London, is the second-largest financial district in the capital and its three skyscrapers are home to companies such as Citibank and HSBC bank.

A year and a half ago, there was a period of tension when British troops in armored vehicles surrounded Heathrow Airport. Blair's government insisted that the dramatic action came in response to specific intelligence.

Last summer, Pakistan gave British officials intelligence suggesting that al-Qaida had plotted to attack Heathrow airport. The information was found on the computers of two accused members of bin Laden's terror network arrested in Pakistan. The computers held images of Heathrow.

On Nov. 4, the head of the MI5, Eliza Manningham-Buller, said that counterterrorism efforts have helped to prevent attacks in Britain since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States. She provided no details about such operations, but she said that Britain faces a "serious and sustained threat" of terror attacks at home and abroad.

Sir John Stevens, the commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, recently complained that he was not able to publicly discuss antiterror successes for security reasons.

The ITV and Daily Mail reports came one day before Blair's government planned to outline its legislative program for the coming year, with crime and security likely to be the focus. Plans for a national identity card in Britain were expected to be announced.

Home Secretary David Blunkett also has promised the government will introduce new measures to combat terrorism if it is reelected next year, including special antiterrorism courts without juries and use of phone tap evidence in trials.

Asked over the weekend on TV whether he was "dabbling in the politics of fear," Blunkett defended his approach.

"I am trying to overcome fears, acknowledging them. Understanding people's worries and then dealing with those worries is not to manufacture, nor to enhance, but actually to lay aside those fears," he said. *AP*

US warns of attacks in India

WASHINGTON—The United States warned Monday that terrorist attacks on US interests may be imminent in the Indian cities of New Delhi and Bombay and said it would temporarily close some diplomatic offices in Bombay as a precaution.

"Based on information received by the US government, terrorists may be planning attacks on US interests in India in the near future," the US Embassy in New Delhi and consulate in Bombay said in a notice to Americans.

"Although not specific, the information suggests that an attack could be aimed at US interests in the cities of New Delhi or Mumbai (Bombay)," the missions said.

A copy of the notice was provided to AFP in Washington by the state department and posted on the website of the US consulate in Bombay which said it would close its consular section and the Information Resource Center at the American Center there on Tuesday because of the potential threat.

No closures of US government buildings in New Delhi were mentioned in the notice which was titled "Threat to US interests in New Delhi and Mumbai."

The notice said targets could include areas where foreigners are known to congregate and urged US citizens in India to boost their security precautions.

"Facilities associated with the US or locations where US citizens and other foreigners congregate or visit, including residential areas, business offices, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, schools, hotels and public areas, could be targeted," it said. *AFP*

Iran halts key nuclear work to avoid sanctions

Abbas chosen to replace Arafat



ABBAS

Iraq stands by election date despite violence



OLDEST WATERWAY

AIDS infections in Asia top 8M, says UN



World's oceans yield new species

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Sudan eyes Darfur deal

Bhutto's husband freed

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Lawmakers usurping executive functions

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Our actions were legal, done in good faith—DOLE

Fixed term for PMA superintendent

Waray-Waray uproar over DOT-coined theme

Well-taken suggestion

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Congressmen promised to cut their pork barrel by 40 percent to help curb the fiscal crisis. What is your reaction to their latest decision to retain 100 percent of their pork?

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Conduct unbecoming

Top of his class

Loving and obedient

PMA's 1st valedictory address

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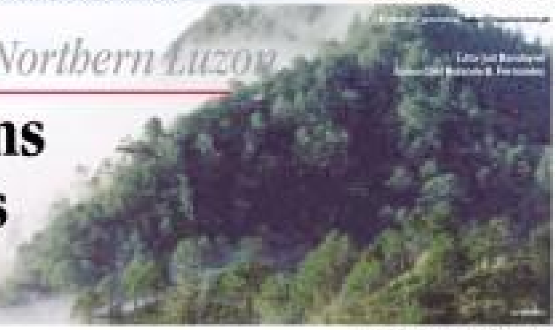
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Justifying martial law

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INQUIRER Northern Luzon



How Tingguians protect forests

By Artha Kira Paredes
Bangued, Abra

BEING solely dependent on nature has made the Tingguians of Abra protective of the very land that nurtured and reared them.



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Guarding environment

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No conflict

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Across the NATION

New storm lashes Aurora; 18 killed

Unding leaves 33 dead, 66 missing in S. Luzon



TERROR WATCH

Aeta claims in Clark questioned

2 Cebu prosecutors removed from team probing Yongco murder

Mango congress to be held in Luisita

DepEd vows to help Cavite build more school buildings

Mining firm wins award for ecology work

SPORTS

Daa lifts Letran; Magnolia scores



ICTSI's Mac Cardona tries to create past the defense of Mark Andaya (left) of Toyota-Otis.

Ordonio turns self in



ORDONIO

Red Bull snaps two-game slide

By Musong Castillo

LUCENA—Lordy Tugade scored 27 points, Enrico Villanueva had 21 and Junthy Valenzuela nailed two crucial freethrows last night as Red Bull survived FedEx, 108-105, in a Gran Matador PBA Philippine Cup road game at the Lucena Convention Center.

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An urgent appeal to Mr. Freddie Roach



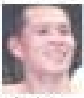
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Peñalosa foe, WBF chief due today

By [illegible], Contributor



PEÑALOSA

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Lawmakers put squeeze on Palace

Established trick



Problem of majority bloc

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Clamor for the max

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Pictures as evidence

She said/he said

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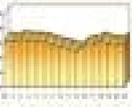
Solon says Transco sale to violate law

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Stock Market

Shares close 1.29% higher



By Abigail L. Ho

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice opinion allowing the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM) to privatize the National Transmission Corp. (Transco) even without a franchise and through limited source bidding is in direct violation of the law.

Investment firm belittles impact of 'sin' tax bill

By Michelle V. Remo



JOB MARKET



Thai company buys into local developer





Disclosures

US firm belittles . . .

CAP misses Ateneo payments

COCKTALES
Victor C. Agustin

IT LOOKS like the liquidity problem of the College Assurance Plan Group is worse than it wants to publicly acknowledge.

Cocktales has confirmed that the checks issued by CAP to pay for the second semester education of about 40 college scholars enrolled in the Ateneo de Manila University Loyola campus, had bounced.

This, despite CAP even splitting the payments for the Ateneo fees into two installments, the first tranche for November encashment and the second tranche for December.

The CAP checks issued to Ateneo through Allied Bank after Nov. 1 had all been returned due to insufficient funds, said an Ateneo official who asked not to be identified.

To protect the Jesuit school, the cashier's office has asked the parents of the CAP scholars to make good the bad November checks and issue promissory notes against the December checks if they want to see their children continue their education.

It was the first time that the CAP checks were dishonored, according to a father, who said he has two college students enrolled in Ateneo on CAP educational plans.

And it has now taken longer for the Makati CAP office to release the checks to its preneed scholars.

From one to two days, it has taken CAP this semester eight to nine days after receiving the enrollment assessments to release the checks.

Because of the payment delay, the CAP scholars in Ateneo find themselves being penalized by the school for late payment as well.

CAP's defense

TWENTY out of the 372 partner schools this year dropped out of the direct-to-school facility agreement with CAP mainly because of the bad press the pioneering and still No. 1 preneed company had been receiving, according to CAP first vice president Bobby Caña.

Under that agreement, CAP pays in advance its partner schools 60 percent of the estimated tuition of its scholars for the school year, with the balance to be paid within four weeks upon presentation of the bill.

With CAP now handling the processing of the claims, the company has been able to save the P500 processing fee that the University of Sto. Tomas, for example, charges for each CAP scholar, as well as earn interest on float on the funds.

CAP resorted to the penny pinching measures to complement its ongoing asset disposal program to raise cash and finance maturing obligations, all in a scramble to escape the double whammy of spiraling tuition and dwindling returns on trust fund assets that hit CAP as a result of the Asian currency crisis.

When CAP began selling pre-need educational plans in 1980, tuition increases were limited to a maximum of 15 percent a year, while investment yields, mainly in the Jobo bills of the early '80s, returned as high as 40 to 48 percent a year.

After the deregulation of the 1990s, per CAP's calculations, tuition in popular schools such as UST, San Agustin, University of San Carlos and Xavier University increased by an average of 30 percent annually during the first half of the decade.

In 1990-2000, the average annual tuition increase was 22 percent, but the average yields on liquid trust fund assets had fallen below 10 percent.

"CAP was advised that there was a way out," Caña said. "Tell all its plan holders that CAP will pay only up to the equivalent of a 15 percent annual tuition fee and other school fee increase since this was the government limit when they bought the plan."

"After all, nobody is supposed to profit from an unforeseen event (situation) of the contract for either party to a contract."

"But CAP, against the advice of financial experts, decided to honor its word," Caña said. "It made a commitment when it sold the plans to pay whatever the tuition fees would be. And so, it shall be."

By its reckoning, CAP has 90,330 college scholars enrolled nationwide. At a conservative P30,000 tuition/student, CAP would need over P2.7 billion cash semester, or P5.4 billion a year, to finance its obligations.

Daris' day

DARIS Wiguna(?) Ho may have failed in her domestic architectural concerns but the shipping heiress has lately found interest in her more passionate undertakings, shipping and government lobbying.

According to the grapevine, the glamorous socialite has been nominated as a member of the board of advisers of a proposed government corporation that would lease out to private companies roll-on, roll-off vessels acquired through Japanese financing.

The government corporation is a subsidiary of the National Development Corp., and will have as fellow advisers DBP Chairman Vitaliano Nañagas, Marina Administrator Vicente Suazo, Transportation Undersecretary Agustin Bengzon, and NDC General Manager Ofelia Bulaong.

COCKTALES B4



BSP, banks putting up cash management center

Ginebra buys into Thai firm

Bayantel expansion OKd



Metro Manila hotels occupancy up 18.5%

S&P expected to raise ratings on Meralco

Equitable PCI approves merger of 2 subsidiaries

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SUNSET beach at Club Paradise

Postcards from the edge

Text and photos by Mau V. Reyes
2BU! Correspondent

Palawan is truly the final frontier, with its untouched white-sand beaches and friendly people

IT was the perfect way to celebrate my semestral break. I wrapped up one of my final papers as early as I could to board a plane for Palawan.

Sandy beaches, cocktails by the ocean and a cruise to boot —who wouldn't cram all their school projects in a weekend to have some fun in the sun? I armed myself with motion sickness pills to get through four days of hard, sea-and-air travel.

Day 1

All aboard from Igma! It was my first time to fly a 19-seater plane, and it scared the daylights out of me. Thankfully, it only took an hour to get to the Busuanga airport.

A 30-minute scenic jeepney ride through the province (I would strongly suggest you clamber on tamaraws and climb on top of the roof to avoid the dust) and a 20-minute boat ride later, we arrived at Club Paradise, in Dimakya Island.

I have to confess, I thought the accommodations were too classic. But it fit the resort perfectly. The staff was very helpful and friendly, and never seemed to get tired of greeting you whenever you passed by any of them.

The cottages were spacious and homey, and strategically located in front of two beaches, the Sunrise beach and the Sunset beach (which I personally thought was too rocky, but it did display the most beautiful sunset).

We were spending just one day at the resort, and by the time the sun was bearable enough, I passed on the hiking expedition up to Eagle's Rest—which is the highest point on the island—to take a quick swim. By nightfall, we were given probably the strongest Piña Colada known to man, followed by a special wine tasting at the Club Paradise Wine

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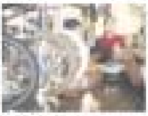
KAYANGAN Lake



LIMESTONE cliffs and rocks along Coron islands

Palawan pitstops









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Day 2

Day 3

Day 4



2BU! LIFESTYLE



Love in the time of Technology

Small, lightweight and compact, the Sony Ericsson K500i is all a girl needs—and more





Sharing capabilities



The King James footwear



WHEN 18-year-old Lebron James made his debut in the National Basketball Association, people did not know what to think about him. Some hated the upstart player, others just loved him.



THE SHOE that launched a thousand photos

The NBA star's new signature Nike shoes are out now. Soon, every real baller is going to have a pair or two



To be young, gifted and tech-savvy

By [illegible]
2bU Correspondent

BEING young in today's chaotic world and amid our country's economic crunch is hard.

Sometimes I can't understand how most of my fellow youth can do it. How they go out every night spending all of their parents' money on booze and drugs. How they go to class flunking, over and over. How they don't care about what's happening to the country—or how they just don't care at all, period.

But being young today is also an advantage. We have all these doors opening for us. We have the entire world to conquer. We're no longer bound by stereotypes. There's just so much we can do. And most of all, we have all the time to do it.

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It was uplifting to know that many other young adults shared my view that we could make a difference. It was also inspiring to see other people believing in what we could do.

Global community

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[illegible] Ocampo proved that no matter how boring history might seem, it is still important to our identity as Filipinos. He pointed out that most of today's youth are misled by wrong historical facts. For instance, [illegible]



[illegible] de Vera and [illegible] Ocampo entertain questions from the delegates.

Home with the angels



THE AUTHOR with the kids





In Las Piñas, a new shelter for abused young girls has opened

Living 'mas!'

Therapy

Grateful



To be young, gifted and tech-savvy

Technology for change







Hear us, young people!

